

12 Indicted In Raincoat Conspiracy

Manufacturers Charged
With Having Bribed
Inspectors

Captain Vaughan
Finishes Confession

Army Officer Reveals the
Methods by Which Con-
tracts Were Let

Twelve of the eighteen raincoat manufacturers taken in custody by the Department of Justice on July 22 on charges of bribery and fraud in connection with contracts to supply the army with raincoats were indicted yesterday by the Federal grand jury. The indictments were presented before Judge Julius M. Mayer in the Federal District Court.

The men who are indicted for violation of that section of the United States Criminal Code which forbids the payment of money or any other consideration to employees of the government with a view to influencing their official actions are: Tolly Clanton, 821 Broadway; Ralph Cohen, 48 University Place; Louis Fried, 48 East Twelfth Street; Samuel Halpern, 681 Broadway; Simon Harris, 1115 Broadway; Morris Lesser, 37 East Twelfth Street; Benjamin Plotkin, 153 West Twenty-seventh Street; Ralph Rosenthal, 243 Seventh Avenue; Joseph Sydenham, 225 Fourth Avenue; William Sydenham, 225 Fourth Avenue; Arthur Zittel, 21 Washington Place; and Harry E. Lazarus, 307 Sixth Avenue.

The indictments charge the manufacturers with paying money to inspectors to have defective raincoats intended for the army passed as perfect. In most of the cases they are charged with having paid this money to Charles E. Fuller, chief inspector of raincoats in the New York District Court. Fuller, according to the Federal authorities, has made a full confession and will be used as a government witness at the trial.

Three Others Indicted

Last Thursday the Federal grand jury returned indictments against three men, charging them with being the leaders in a scheme to defraud the government in connection with the letting of contracts for the manufacture of raincoats. They are Felix Gould, of 1 Madison Avenue, now out on \$20,000 bail; David L. Posen, an attorney, of 12 Broadway, who is under \$5,000 bail; and Captain Arthur W. Vaughan, director of the rubber and raincoat division of the quartermaster's department at Washington.

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German Press Attacked

The press in Germany was accused yesterday of spreading false reports of air raids on German cities, according to German newspapers received here. The case in question was the air raid on Cologne on May 18.

Made Lehane Police Surgeon

Dr. Timothy D. Lehane, for fifteen years a coroner's physician, has been appointed police surgeon for the Thirtieth and Fourteenth districts of the Police Department.

Lansing Leaves Summer Home

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 5. After a vacation of over three weeks at his summer home at Henderson Harbor and on the Gallipoli Islands, Secretary of State Robert Lansing and Mrs. Lansing left this morning for a motor trip through the Adirondacks and New England. They were accompanied by Solicitor General John W. Davis and Mrs. Davis.

13 Caught in "Slacker" Raid

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 5. Seven of the alleged "slackers" picked up here on Friday night were sent to day camp on Friday for induction into the army. Six others were held for further investigation.

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